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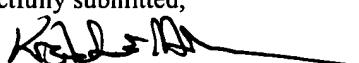
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- (2) 15 Claims -- 1 independent, 4 dependent ( pages)
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- (6) Abstract
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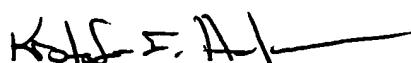
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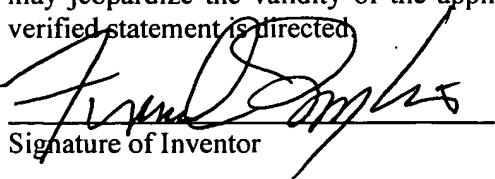
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